

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. This
conservative
business' attempt to
push its views on
the public as though
they were news is
not in the public's
interest, and is not
journalism. In
fact, it is a
violation of the
public's trust and a
mockery of objective
reporting. If CBS
thinks that it is
inappropriate to air
its actual
documentary on
George Bush weeks
before the election,
then it is
definitely
inappropriate for
Sinclair to ram its
ideas down local
stations' and the
public's throat days
before the election.

Mr. Powell, in case
you have forgotten,
it is the FCC's job
to stop this kind of
blatant abuse in the
media, so that we
might indeed have a
media. For you to
say to the American
people that there is
no precedent for the
FCC to stop Sinclair
is sheer nonsense.
Can you not see that
this is an attack on
our democracy? Will
you not be more than
a puppet for the
interests of big
businesses such as

Sinclair? What will it take for you to do your job? You too have an obligation not to abuse the public's trust. Stepping back from Sinclair's blatant violations, as though there is nothing you can do, is nothing less than a violation of the public's trust in the FCC and you as its head.